

**Annotated Agenda**  
*MAFAC Meeting, San Diego, CA*  
*April 28-30, 2015*

**1. Title of Discussion:** Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) Update

**2. Presenters:** Richard Merrick, NOAA Fisheries Chief Science Advisor

**3. Objective/Purpose:** **Informational**

The purpose of this session is to give MAFAC an update on the Marine Recreational Improvement Program (MRIP), which will cover an overview of the program as a whole and how MRIP manages the transition to new survey methodologies while maintaining the integrity of the historical time series.

**4. Background/Synopsis:**

In 2006, the National Research Council released a report making recommendations on how to improve NOAA Fisheries' recreational data collection programs. In response to that report, MRIP was founded and has been working to enact those improvements. This work includes fixing a mismatch between the way catch data was collected and how those data were used to make estimates; removing bias from the design of angler catch surveys; developing the National Saltwater Angler Registry; developing a new mail-based Fishing Effort Survey; and working to engage a broad array of scientists, managers, and stakeholders in every aspect of the MRIP process – from the priorities set, to the studies conducted, to the way data is shared.

**5. Options listed from 1 to n:** N/A

**6. Preferred Recommendation:**

No decisions requested, but input on how to improve stakeholder engagement is always appreciated.

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Record of Decision:

Decision, Next Step(s) and/or Action:

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